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Notes on the points discussed with Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education by me on 21 Dec 67 in his Office.

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1. A Master Plan for the National Stadium to be Produced as early as possible so that our desire to have located there all the sports activities and coaching centres could soon be achieved.

I hope in this Master Plan the following will be provided for:-

(a) An Office for the AICS

(b) A Sports Library

(c) A Sports Museum

(d) Offices for all Federations now within easy reach of Delhi

(e) Permanent coaching centres for as many sports and games activities as possible

(f) A covered-in stadium for Basketball, Volley-ball Table Tennis, Badminton, Wrestling and Boxing to seat at least 5,000 spectators.

(g) A good Tennis Stadium - "India's Wimbledon"

(h) Some of the huts now being occupied by the Army to be converted into living quarters, hostels, reading rooms and so on for use as a miniature "Olympic Village".

2. Sports Medicine:

The Health Ministry to be requested to suggest names of atleast two highly qualified persons in sports medicine to be used by the Society for the Administration of Central Institutes in the Field of Sports & Physical Education to focus the attention of the Nation to the need for giving more heed to the study and application of "Sports Medicine" throughout the country. These names might be sent to me when I will meet those people and discuss with them the plan I have for this matter on the lines of the arrangements which had been made to invite an expert from West Germany and which had to be abandoned because of the foreign exchange difficulties. Can this matter please be expedited ?

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3. The Staff at the NIS:

I requested you to consider appointing a Deputy Director at the NIS as the work of the Director was increasing every day. You said that the Evaluation Committee which you had ordered had recommended certain recommendations, but you had not yet seen their report. I requested you to send me a copy of this report to enable me to see in what manner the present staff could be reduced. Please may I have a copy of this report ?

4. Presidents of State Sports Councils:

I put over to you what we had recommended nearly two years ago to the Education Ministry to request the State Governments not to have any Minister as a President of their Sports Councils. You agreed that it would not be desirable to have Ministers as Presidents of such Councils. Can something be done now to remind the States again about this?

5. The case of Shri Raj Bans, Cashier at the NIS:

You told me that as far as you were concerned, the matter was closed and that nothing more need be done about it now. You also said that there was no point in pursuing Shri Raj Bansi's references to some "alleged corruptions" etc during the period of office of the previous Director. You said that any enquiry about this would be of no use as the officer concerned is no longer serving. You wished this matter to be also closed for ever.

6. The Olympics in Mexico:

We both agreed that the numbers should be kept to the minimum possible. You said you were pleased to hear from Raja Bhalindra Singh, the President of the I.O.A. that he also was of the same opinion. We discussed the standard we should have for the selection of our competitors in Mexico. We both agreed that if our athletes and others

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would come within the first 15 of the International standard, they could be considered for selection to go to Maxico. I told you that I had discussed this with the President of the I.O.A. who also had agreed with me that "within the first 15 should be the standard and not the first 10 as he had originally thought of as that would raise the standard for the selection for too high.

7. The 110 acres National Play-field near Rajghat:

I requested that this matter might be re-opened as we have all the plans ready for implementation to convert that area for the purpose for which the land was acquired. The delay in implementing our plans was not the fault of the AICS nor of the NIS but at governmental level there was a great deal of discussions and delay before the Ministry of Education was finally allotted this land for this purpose.

You said that as decisions for its use during the Gandhi Centenary period had been taken at very high levels, there was no point in raising the issue again. You wished this matter to be left as it is at the moment.